Projects of Gujarat Pending with Planning Commission

1849. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the projects of Gujarat which are still pending with the Planning Commission for approval, district-wise, as on 30th June, 1993; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be given approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No Project of Gujarat is pending with the Planning Commission for investment approval as on 30th June, 1993.

(b) Does not arise.

Allocation of Funds to Voluntary Agencies

1850. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has taken a decision to spend a large number of funds for district level planning through voluntary agencies;

(b) if so, the amount so far allocated for the purpose for the year 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 district-wise, in the country;

(c) what is the purpose and object of the expenditure district-wise and centre-wise and the exact tasks allotted to each;

(d) what are details of expenditure incurred during each of the last three years? and

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Planning Commission has not taken any decision to spend a large number of funds for district level planning through voluntary agencies. However, a scheme has been formulated to provide assistance to voluntary agencies for creation and strengthening of self-managed people's institutions on an experimental basis at 20 locations.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Computerisation of Passport Offices

1851. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Informatics Centre (NIC) is under administrative control of his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether an inter-ministerial meeting was held in the first half of 1992 between Director General of NIC and Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs;

(c) if so, whether it was decided that NIC will computerise about eight passport offices latest by 31st March, 1993;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether the NIC has been able to implement the said decision by March, 1993; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons for the failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A meeting was taken by Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on 1-5-1992 to review the computerisation of the passport offices in India in which DG, National Informatics Centre (NIC) was also present. It was decided that computerisation of passport offices in India will be done by NIC on a turn-key basis. It was also decided that during the financial year end March, 1993 computerisation of Bombay, Cochin, Kozhikode, Madras, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Goa and the CPV Division at Delhi will be completed for which NIC will give detailed estimate of expenditure likely to be